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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Appln. No. : 09/929,738 Confirmation No. 9020
Applicant : EMILIO CASACCIA et al.
Filed : August 13, 2001
Title : SUPPRESSION OF DOUBLE RAYLEIGH BACKSCATTERING
AND PUMP REUSE IN A RAMAN AMPLIFIER
TC/A.U. : 3663
Examiner : DEANDRA M. HUGHES
Docket No. : CISC686

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GROUP 3600**AMENDMENT B AFTER FINAL**

Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action of July 1, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this paper.

An **Appendix** including Declaration Under Rule §131 and Exhibit A following page 8 of this paper.